

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on September 27, 2004 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos
Treasurer Duba
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Lewis
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Perkins
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of the audience followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Treasurer Duba, and duly carried, with Commissioner Perkins abstaining, the minutes of August 9, 2004 were approved.

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Treasurer Duba, and duly carried, with Commissioner Perkins abstaining, the minutes of August 23, 2004 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Davalos reported on KCET Hispanic Heritage month activities, her trip to Miami, Florida, and introduced Commission Intern Vera Orloff, who will be working on the 2002-2004 Commission Status Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Duba reported on the expenditures for the month of August, 2004. The beginning balance for August was \$29,356.60; expenditures were \$225.00; income was \$362.52; and the ending balance was \$29,494.12. The monthly spending allowance for September, 2004 is \$2,949.41.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- On September 21st the Board of Supervisors re-appointed Commissioner Becerra-Jones to a 2-year term expiring August 29, 2006.

- Following the resignations of three commissioners, the current membership of the Commission is 12 and the quorum requirement for the Commission meeting is 7.
- The ACCW Quarterly Meeting will be November 5, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in San Rafael.
- Complimentary tickets are available to the UCLA Women's Volleyball match against UC Berkeley next Friday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion.
- Former Commissioner Maria Contreras-Sweet is the honorary Co-Chairperson of the 37th Annual Mexican American Opportunity Foundation Aztec Awards Banquet on October 22nd at the Century Plaza Hotel.

REPORT ON THE SIXTH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK EVENT

Treasurer Duba, Chair of the Run/Walk, reported the following:

- The September 18, 2004 race was very successful with over 800 runners/walkers completing the race and many volunteers assisting.
- VIP guests included Renita Bowlin, Second District, and Sandra Evers-Manly of Northrop Grumman.
- She thanked Khanh Nguyen and Nyla Jefferson for the staff support and Commissioners who participated.
- The presentation to the raffle tickets' winner will be at the October 25, 2004 Commission meeting.

(Commissioner Creary joined the meeting.)

CONSIDER DONATION TO L.A. CITY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES/RECEPTION

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a \$500 donation to the City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities and Reception. The Commission name will appear on literature distributed and Commissioners are invited to make remarks at the reception.

APPROVE PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR COMMISSION RETREAT

Commissioner Gravely reported on planning for the retreat, and, following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a budget of \$900 for the Commission Annual Retreat on October 25, 2004 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Commission agreed to agendaize additional expenses for the retreat, if any, on the October 25, 2004 meeting agenda.

CONSIDER PURCHASING SPONSORSHIP TO THE ACCESS AWARDS LUNCHEON

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting).

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission purchased a one half-page ad at a cost of \$500, and two tickets at \$70 each for the Commission on Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon on October 20, 2004.

Commissioners Morgan and Creary expressed interest in attending.

CONSIDER PURCHASING AD FOR THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF POLITICAL GRAPHICS EVENT

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Becerra-Jones, and duly carried by the following roll call vote, the Commission approved the purchase of a \$50 Friends Listing Ad for the Commemorative Journal for the October 2nd Surprise Party 15th Anniversary Dinner Auction for the Center for the Study of Political Graphics:

Ayes:	Commissioners Becerra-Jones, Creary, Lewis, Perkins, Rodriguez and President Davalos
Noes:	Commissioners Gravely, Jernigan and Morgan and Treasurer Duba
Vote:	Duly carried

CONSIDER PURCHASING TWO TICKETS TO TWO CONFERENCES

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved \$390 to purchase two tickets to both the Child Death and Severe Injury Review Conference on October 21, 2004 and the Annual Nexus Conference on October 22, 2004 at the Sheraton Universal in Universal City.

President Davalos and Commissioner Rodriguez expressed interest in attending.

APPROVE PURCHASES FOR THE JENESSE CENTER'S 2004 SILVER ROSE AWARDS

Commissioners congratulated Commissioner Jernigan for being one of the recipients at this event.

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved \$475 to purchase two tickets and a business card ad to the Jenesse Center's 2004 Silver Rose Awards on October 29, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee:

Commissioner Creary reported on the possible closure of the King/Drew Medical Center Trauma Center. She also reported on attending a Call to Action Seminar on colorectal cancer and that she would attend a health fair on October 7, 2004 in Santa Monica. Commissioners requested staff to obtain information on the Board of Supervisors position on the King/Drew Medical Center.

Genevieve Clavreul spoke on issues related to the King/Drew Medical Center.

Domestic Violence Committee:

Commissioner Rodriguez presented samples of domestic violence screening cards. She also requested that a contribution to the Mid-Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative reception be placed on the next Commission meeting agenda.

Legislative Committee:

Commissioner Jernigan provided highlights of a report on state funding levels for programs for FY 2004-05. Commissioners Creary and Perkins requested a copy of the report.

Media/Public Relations Committee:

Commissioner Morgan announced she would be staffing several Commission booths at upcoming health and/or senior fairs in La Mirada, Santa Monica, Culver City and Woodland Hills.

Older Women's Issues Committee: The Fourth Annual Mid-Life and Older Women's Conference, "A Spotlight on Issues," will be held Saturday, October 9, 2004 at Pierce College in Woodland Hills.

REPORT ON THE SCHOLARSHIP EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Treasurer Duba and Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported on activities for the event on August 9, 2004, noting that 21 scholarship recipients attended. They thanked Nyla Jefferson for coordinating the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Genevieve Clavreul spoke on health issues.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on a Domestic Violence Council meeting concerning reduction of funds to shelters.

Commissioner Gravely announced that Supervisor Antonovich would be honored at the "Advocate for Children" Awards at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel on October 28, 2004.

Commissioner Creary attended a Board of Supervisors presentation to First AME Pastor Cecil L. Murray.

Commissioner Jernigan announced the October 23, 2004 Women's Health 2004 Fair in Culver City.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported on an article she wrote in the Journal for the American Dietetic Association.

Commissioner Perkins announced the publishing of her book Sisters at the Well: Finding and Living Life Lessons. She also announced that Carolyn Tyler-Bishop was appointed the second female bishop of the African Methodist Church.

Commissioner Gravely announced the KCET Caregivers Program.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA

Commissioner Perkins requested an update of the Commission for Women website. Commissioner Creary requested that the painting featured at this year's 5k be posted on the website.

Commissioner Gravely requested that Commission place on the agenda the purchase of one \$35 ticket to the YWCA's Women for Racial Justice Breakfast on October 25, 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Karin Davalos, President
Reiko Duba, Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Ruth Creary, Ph.D
Wadie Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Bonnie J. Lewis
Lila Morgan
Barbara Perkins
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Charlotte Lesser, Vice President
Janet E. Mummey, Esq.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Jim Corbett, Steve Erickson, Nyla Jefferson,
Audra Galang and Gabriel Alexander

GUEST

Genevieve Clavreul